Monitoring of diagnostic laboratories

2561. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any standards and monitoring system for the diagnostic laboratories funtioning in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that a number of such laboratories are functioning without maintaining the required standards and the paients are receiving inaccurate reports form the labs; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government to monitor the system in the interest of the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of State Governments to lay down standards and monitoring system for the diagnostic laboratories. However, Central Government is considering putting in place standards and specifications that will prescribe minimum standards for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments.

Restructuring of AIIMS

2562. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has drawn up the largest prospective plan for its restructuring and development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact the senior faculty of the AIIMS is questioning the restructuring plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA):